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1. VANNUGLI NOW INFORMS US THAT VISIT WILL LAST ONLY FROM FEBRUARY 27 THROUGH MARCH 1. HE REGARDS THIS VISIT AS QTE FOR ORIENTATION UNQTE AND WANTS TO LEAVE PEOPLE AND PLACES TO BE VISITED UP TO HEW. OUR STRONG PLEA FOR AN EXPLICIT IDENTIFICATION OF WHICH ITALIAN OFFICIALS ARE CONCERNED WITH WHICH SUBJECTS OF THE HEW-MOH AGREEMENT HAS, NOT UNEXPECTEDLY, GONE UNHEEDED.

2. IN DISCUSSIONS HERE SPECIAL ASSISTANT PETER BELL AND SCIATT HAVE AGREED THAT THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS AGREEMENT REQUIRES CONSIDERABLE EFFORT IN ITALY TO IDENTIFY AND INVOLVE THE BEST AVAILABLE SCIENTISTS. SINCE THE INVITATION FOR THIS VISIT WENT DIRECTLY FROM THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH TO VANNUGLI, WITHOUT USING THE SERVICES OF THE SCIATT, IT HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO MAKE THE REQUIRED EFFORTS. HAD ITS INVITATION BEEN SENT THROUGH THE EMBASSY, WE WOULD HAVE DELIVERED IT TO THE CHIEF DE CABINET AT MOH, A HIGHER-RANKING OFFICIAL THAN VANNUGLI WHO HAD ALREADY INDICATED HIS WILLINGNESS TO INVOLVE
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UNIVERSITIES AND INSTITUTES OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY.

3. UNDER THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, OUR EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF THIS VISIT HAVE NOT BEEN VERY FRUITFUL. WE NEVERTHELESS URGE THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO SET A FEW CONCRETE STEPS IN MOTION TO IMPLEMENT THE HEW/MOH AGREEMENT AS WELL AS GIVING THE ITALIAN DELEGATION A GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE RELEVANT USG FACILITIES AND PER-

SONNEL. SO FAR AS CONCRETE STEPS ARE CONCERNED, IN ADDITION TO OUR SUGGESTIONS ABOUT POCHIARI IN REFTL (A), WE BELIEVE THE MOST LIKELY AREA FOR ACTION IS ON PHARMACEUTICALS REGULATION. MINISTER DAL FALCO HAD PREVIOUSLY ASKED FOR AN FDA DELEGATION TO VISIT ITALY. WE SUGGEST THAT THIS POSSIBILITY BE EXPLORED WITH BOTH POGGIOLINI AND PAOLETTI. GARDNER

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